

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Assignee:	Rapt, Inc.		
Title:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPTIMIZING A MULTIVARIATE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES		
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated November 16, 2006, having a three-month shortened statutory period for reply. Accompanying this response is a petition for a three-month extension of time, extending the period for reply to May 16, 2007. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on **page 2**.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 6**.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on **page 14**.